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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 30

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SECTION I. DENTURES OF PATIENTS

1. It has been brought to the attention of this office that patients have arrived in the UK Base and the Zone of Interior without dentures, the dentures probably having been removed when the patients were sent to surgery at some point in the chain of evacuation.

2. Dentures of patients will be considered in the category of patients' valuables and will be handled in accordance with Circular Letter No. 8, Off Ch Surg, "Bags for Patients Effects in Evacuation", 24 January 1945.

SECTION II. DENTAL MATERIAL

1. It is frequently necessary to replace or remove from the mouths of Army dental patients fillings, crowns, bridges and other dental appliance which were installed at the expense of the individual patient. The patient's recorded statement that such appliances were installed at his own expense will be accepted, and whenever such appliances contain metals or materials of value, they will be offered to the patient and that fact recorded on WD AGO Form 8-116 (Formerly WD MD Form 79) to include the estimated weight, type of material, and type of appliance (inlay, bridge, denture, etc.) and initialed by the pertinent dental officer. A dated statement of acceptance or nonacceptance signed by the patient will be made on or attached to WD AGO Form 8-116.

2. Metals of value from unserviceable appliances constructed at the expense of the government will be retained when replaced by new construction.

3. Usable scrap will be picked up and accounted for in the same manner as new materials, and will be utilized to the fullest extent possible.

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4. Unserviceable scrap will be disposed of in accordance with Section I, Circular Letter No. 15, Off Ch Surg, "Salvage of Precious Metals", 15 February 1945.

SECTION III. ITEM 9207500 GAUZE, PETROLATUM, WHITE

1. Information has just been received from the War Department that at present this item is not available for shipment. Units will not requisition subject item prior to 1 September 1945, at which time deliveries are expected.

SECTION IV. AMENDMENT TO AND RESCISSION OF CURRENT DIRECTIVES

1. Paragraph 3a(2), Circular Letter No. 147, Off Ch Surg, "Artificial Eye Procurement", 30 December 1944, is amended by the addition of the following:

2d General Hospital	Nancy	
166th General Hospital	Le Mans	Site No. 4
180th General Hospital	Carentan	Site No. 2

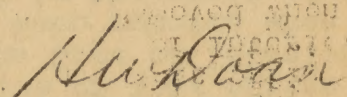
2. The following Circular Letters, Off Ch Surg, are rescinded:

a. No. 59, "Observations and Recommendations on Evacuation Exercise", 19 April 1944.

b. No. 117, "Changes in Nomenclature - Medical Department Supply Catalog", 30 September 1944.

c. Section I, Circular Letter No. 148, "Reporting of Enemy Protected Personnel", 31 December 1944.

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